The George Mentzers

and translation of it are on file in the Lancaster County Historical Society. It is not now known when this translation was made but it must have been long ago because a copy of it appeared in Egle's "Notes and Queries" in 1899. Among other translations which are filed with this in the L.C.H.S. is one of the birth and baptismal record of Christina Benninger (b 20 August 1736). She was the daughter of Wendel Benninger who brought his family to Philadelphia on the ship "Edinburgh", 13 August 1750, List 148C.

This George Mentzer married Christina Benninger. They lived in New Holland for years and are buried in the old part of Trinity Lutheran Cemetery there. He died on 28 June 1800 and she on 20 January 1820. According to the birth record from Germany and the burial record in Trinity Lutheran Church, he was born in 1727. However, on his tombstone the year given is 1726. In either case, this George Mentzer was only about ten years old in 1737. That is much too young to have signed the oaths. He cannot have been the one who came to Pennsylvania with Wendell Zwicker in 1737.

The will of George Mentzer (George Mainzer, b 1727) can be found in the Courthouse of Lancaster County in Will Book G, Vol. 1, p 465. This document gives the names of George and Christina Mentzer's nine children, six sons and three daughters. Dr. Mentzer's "Genealogy", published in 1934, reports that they had "three sons: Jacob, Simon, Michael." These are indeed the names of three of the sons. But why didn't Dr. Mentzer mention the other six children? I don't know the answer. It may be that he or someone employed by him to search out relevant genealogical data missed this will, and came across only a partial list of family births somewhere or saw a deed or document with the names of only the three boys. Since the several